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47AM-POLAND-SOVIET ' ' ' ' ' URGENT

MOSCOW, AUG 13, REUTER -- THE SOVIET UNION ANNOUNCED TODAY IT WOULD STAGE A WEEK OF WAR GAMES IN LAND AND SEA AREAS CLOSE TO POLAND EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE OFFICIAL TASS NEWS AGENCY SAID THE EXERCISES INVOLVING THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE, WOULD BE SPREAD OVER BYELORUSSIA, THE BALTIC STATES AND THE BALTIC SEA ITSELF.

IT SAID THEY WOULD BE SUPERVISED PERSONALLY BY DEFENSE MINISTER DMITRI USTINOV.

SOVIET TROOPS TOOK PART IN WARSAW PACT EXERCISES IN AND AROUND POLAND LAST SPRING. TASS SAID THE EXERCISES NEXT MONTH WOULD INVOLVE ONLY SOVIET UNITS.

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WARW-POLAND-SOVIET 2 MOSCOW (R-151...SOVIET UNITS).*

THE BRIEF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THE EXERCISE WOULD BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 4 TO 12 AND WOULD TEST THE COORDINATION OF THE WINGS OF THE ARMED FORCES. NO OTHER DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

BYELORUSSIA AND THE BALTIC MILITARY ZONE BORDER POLAND ON ITS EASTERN AND NORTHEASTERN FRONTIERS.

LAST FALL, THE UNITED STATES ACCUSED MOSCOW OF A MAJOR BUILD-UP OF TROOPS IN THE REGION FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK OF THE POLISH CRISIS.

THE WEST HAS AT TIMES FEARED MOSCOW WAS ABOUT TO INTERVENE IN POLAND TO HALT ITS REVOLUTIONARY DEMOCRATIC REFORMS.

WESTERN MILITARY EXPERTS HAVE SAID THE SOVIET UNION IS CURRENTLY ASSEMBLING ONE OF THE BIGGEST FLOTILLAS OF WARSHIPS IN THE BALTIC SINCE WORLD WAR II. DIPLOMATS HERE SAID THE BUILD-UP WAS PROBABLY LINKED WITH THE EXERCISE.

THE WARSAW PACT HAS CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF MILITARY EXERCISES OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS; AND MOCK OPERATIONS INVOLVING EAST GERMAN AND POLISH UNITS ARE AT PRESENT GOING ON SOUTHERN EAST GERMANY.

WESTERN EXPERTS HAVE SAID THE UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL OF MILITARY ACTIVITY APPEARED AIMED AT KEEPING UP PRESSURE ON BOTH THE POLISH GOVERNMENT AND THE TRADE UNIONS THERE BY REMINDING THEM OF THE POSSIBILITY OF INTERVENTION.*

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WARW-POLAND-SOVIET 3 MOSCOW*

DIPLOMATS HERE SAID NEXT MONTH'S WAR GAMES COULD BE A CONTINUATION OF THAT PATTERN OF PRESSURE.

THEY ALSO SAID IT WAS SIGNIFICANT THAT MARSHAL USTINOV HIMSELF WAS DIRECTING THEM; THE FIRST TIME HE HAD DONE SO FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

THIS SUGGESTED THE WAR GAMES MAY BE ON AN UNUSUALLY LARGE SCALE; THEY SAID.*

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444R-POLAND-LEAD

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WARSAW, AUG 13, REUTER -- POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER STANISLAW KANIA AND PREMIER WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI WILL VISIT THE SOVIET UNION SHORTLY FOR A BRIEF, WORKING VISIT, POLISH RADIO SAID TODAY.

THEY WERE EXPECTED TO HAVE TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADER LEONID BREZHNEV AT HIS CRIMEAN RETREAT. MR KANIA IS THE LAST WARSAW PACT LEADER TO VISIT MR BREZHNEV IN WHAT HAS BECOME AN ANNUAL ROUND OF INFORMAL BILATERAL TALKS.

GENERAL JARUZELSKI'S PRESENCE WAS SEEN AS A DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL PRACTICE BUT DIPLOMATS SAID MR BREZHNEV WOULD NO DOUBT WANT TO SEE THE PREMIER BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN MOST CLOSELY INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOLIDARITY UNION.

AS NEWS OF THE IMPENDING VISIT WAS ANNOUNCED THE SOVIET UNION SAID IT WOULD STAGE WEEK-LONG WAR GAMES IN LAND AND SEA AREAS CLOSE TO POLAND AT THE BEGINNING OF SEPTEMBER.

THE POLISH GOVERNMENT MEANWHILE WELCOMED AN APPEAL BY SOLIDARITY FOR A TWO-MONTH MORATORIUM ON STRIKES AND PROTESTS OVER FOOD SHORTAGES, WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE DEFUSED MUCH OF THE LATEST TENSION.

THE PARTY'S RESPONSE ... 2ND GRAF R1204
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THE PARTY'S RESPONSE CAME AS THE SOLIDARITY
TO CELEBRATE TOMORROW'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF A SHIPYARD STRIKE
IN GDANSK AND THE FOUNDING OF THE STRIKE COMMITTEE THAT WENT ON
TO BECOME EASTERN EUROPE'S FIRST INDEPENDENT UNION.

SIRENS IN THE BALTIC PORT WILL BLARE AND TRAFFIC WILL HALT
FOR ONE MINUTE TOMORROW TO MARK THE OCCASION; AND MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT A MEMORIAL OUTSIDE THE LENIN SHIPYARD TO WORKERS
KILLED DURING RIOTS IN 1970.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY PAPER TRYBUNA LUDU SAID THE CALL BY THE
SOLIDARITY LEADERSHIP, AFTER A WAVE OF STRIKES AND SHARPENING
GOVERNMENT ATTACKS ON THE UNION, REPRESENTED "A PARTIAL RETURN
TO REALISTIC THINKING."

IT ALSO WELCOMED A UNION CALL FOR ITS 10 MILLION MEMBERS;
PARTICULARLY COAL-MINERS AND THOSE PRODUCING EXPORT GOODS; TO
WORK SATURDAYS IN AN EFFORT TO BOOST PRODUCTION.†

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***RM-POLAND 2 WARSAN†

"THE RESOLUTIONS AND APPEALS CONTAINED A FEW SENTENCES
WHICH MIGHT PROVE THAT THE UNION REALLY CARES ABOUT GETTING OUT
OF THE CRISIS," THE PAPER SAID. "THEY WERE NOT, AS MANY TIMES
BEFORE, MERELY RESPONSES TO GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS."

HOWEVER THE PAPER REACTED SHARPLY TO SOLIDARITY'S THREAT TO
CALL A TWO-DAY PRINTERS' STRIKE NEXT WEEK UNLESS THE GOVERNMENT
STOPPED WHAT THE UNION CALLED A PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST IT AND
TO PUSH ITS DEMANDS FOR ACCESS TO THE OFFICIAL MEDIA.

"HOW CAN THEY RECONCILE THIS WITH THEIR DECLARED DESIRE TO
CALM DOWN THE ATMOSPHERE," THE PAPER WROTE.

"THE PHILOSOPHY OF BUILDING UP BARRICADES TO REPEL ATTACKS;
SOMETIMES IMAGINARY ONES; LEADS NOWHERE."

THE SOLIDARITY APPEAL, WHICH CAME AT THE END OF A THREE-DAY
MEETING IN GDANSK YESTERDAY, SAID THERE SHOULD BE NO FOOD
STRIKES OR MARCHES UNTIL THE END OF THE UNION'S CONGRESS, WHICH
WILL BE IN TWO PARTS AND IS SCHEDULED TO END IN OCTOBER.

WESTERN DIPLOMATS SAID THE SOLIDARITY RESOLUTIONS APPEARED
TO BE A CAREFULLY DRAFTED COMPROMISE BETWEEN MODERATES AND
RADICALS IN THE UNION LEADERSHIP.

THEY TONED DOWN THE SUGGESTION OF EXTREMISM WHILE KEEPING
THE PRESSURE ON THE AUTHORITIES," ONE DIPLOMAT SAID.†

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444M-POLAND 3 WARSAW

"THEY SEEM TO HAVE DEFUSED THE PRESENT CRISIS BUT HAVE PUT OFF A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS THAT ARE EVENTUALLY GOING TO COME HOME TO ROOST," HE SAID.

APART FROM THE THREAT OF THE PRINTERS' STRIKE, WHICH COULD CLOSE ALL NEWSPAPERS INCLUDING THE PARTY ORGANS, THE TWO SIDES APPEAR TO BE STILL FAR APART ON THE CRUCIAL ISSUE OF WORKER SELF-MANAGEMENT.

A SOLIDARITY SPOKESMAN SAID YESTERDAY THE UNION SUPPORTED THE IDEA THAT WORKERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HIRE AND FIRE MANAGERS, A CONCESSION THE GOVERNMENT HAS SHOWN NO SIGN OF GRANTING.

THE UNION SAID THAT DURING WORK ON FREE SATURDAYS, ENTERPRISES WOULD BE RUN BY WORKERS' COUNCILS, WHICH WOULD CHECK ON THE EXTRA VOLUME PRODUCED AND DECIDE HOW IT WOULD BE USED.

ANY ATTEMPTS BY MANAGEMENT TO INTERFERE WOULD BE MET WITH PROTESTS, A UNION STATEMENT SAID.

HOWEVER SOLIDARITY DID AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS TO RAISE RETAIL PRICES PROVIDED THERE WAS COMPENSATION.

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